

# The Boulevard


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The City of Bellaire is an active community. Below is a list of upcoming special events and important dates to remember. For more information on these and other activities, check out the [City Events Calendar](#).

Watch for the Fall 2016 [Leisure Activities Guide](#).

### July

- July 4** Independence Day—City Offices closed  
No garbage pick up.
- July 4** July 4th Parade and Festival 9:30 am
- July 11** Water & Sewer Rates Community Meeting 7:00 pm
- July 14** Police Summer Community Meeting 7:00 pm
- July 18** Presentation of Proposed FY 2017 Budget 7:00 pm

### August

- Aug 15** Public Hearing FY 2017 Proposed Budget 6:00 pm
- Aug 16** Budget Workshop #1 6:00 pm
- Aug 18** Dive-In Movie—*Finding Nemo* 7:30 pm
- Aug 22** Budget Workshop #2 6:00 pm

### September

- Sep 4** Labor Day—City Offices closed,  
No garbage pick up
- Sep 23** National Night Out Kick Off Party & Movie  
*Star Wars: The Force Awakens* 5:30 pm

For more Community Happenings see back page

## Sidewalk Planning

June was a big month for sidewalks in Bellaire. At their June 6 meeting, the Bellaire City Council approved an ordinance requiring all new construction to install sidewalks "along each side of a property abutting a public street". While affecting the entire City, the aim of this ordinance was to begin addressing the need for greater pedestrian connectivity within the residential portions of Bellaire. Beginning July 1, all new residential projects applying for a building permit will address this requirement, with the sidewalk required to be completely installed before a certificate of occupancy will be issued. Specifications for the design and construction of these new sidewalks will be set by the Public Works Department to ensure consistency throughout the City.

Long term planning for sidewalks and pedestrian safety were topics before Council at their second meeting of the month held on June 20. City Council directed the City Man-

ager and his staff to begin the development of a sidewalk plan that places a priority on completing pedestrian connection in the most efficient manner. Starting with the 2012 Sidewalk Inventory, staff will begin work developing a plan that provides for maximizing the use of present sidewalk segments and seeks to complete usable pedestrian corridors. The City Manager will return to City Council on August 1 with information for Council to include cost estimates and a schedule. This is an interim project that will lead into the possible development of a Community Pathways Plan which is proposed as part of the Fiscal Year 2017 budget.

Currently, sidewalks are addressed under two programs. As streets and drainage projects are completed, sidewalks are generally included on one side of the street. Additionally, the City has a sidewalk maintenance budget which is used to repair and replace sidewalk sections as needed.

## Mayor's corner >>>

The first six months of this Council term have flown by, and we're as busy as ever. This summer will be no different. We encourage you to join us for a number of important meetings, all leading up to the adoption of our FY 2017 budget and a bond election this fall:

- July 11 - Town Hall Meeting on water and sewer rates
- July 14 - Police Department Community Meeting
- July 18 - Presentation of proposed FY 2017 budget
- August 15 - Public Hearing for FY 2017 Proposed Budget
- August 16 - Budget Workshop #1
- August 22 - Budget Workshop #2

But it's not all work and no play. We also pause as a community to celebrate our great nation with a July 4th Parade, followed by the festival at Bellaire Town Square. It's an annual tradition you won't want to miss. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely yours,

public works >>>

## Projects and Services

Not sure which roads to avoid on the morning commute to work? Check out the [major construction projects](#) and their affected areas as Bellaire works toward improving streets and sidewalks.

Visit the [Public Works Department website](#) for detailed information on construction projects, recycling and waste collection and report problems in the [Resident Request Center](#)



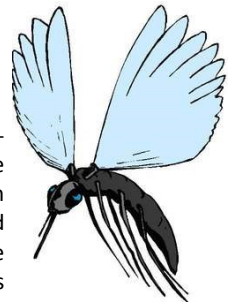
Demolition of Public Works Building

## Saying Goodbye to the Public Works Building

The Public Works Department said goodbye to its Service Center located on Edith, in May. The building was damaged beyond repair due to flooding during the 2015 Memorial Day storm and again during the 2016 Tax Day storm. Even with the loss of the building, the Public Works Department is committed to providing Bellaire residents with the best possible service.

## Help Fight the Bite!

### Mosquito Management at Home



BBQs, gardening, swimming pools and hikes...and mosquitoes. Enjoy the outdoors, but remember to protect yourself and your family from mosquito-borne diseases. Your best defense against being bitten is simply to be prepared. Help Fight the Bite! When outdoors, use an insect repellent containing the active ingredient DEET, Picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR3535 to reduce exposure to mosquito bites. Always apply as directed on the label. Do not allow young children to apply repellent to themselves; have an adult do it for them. If possible, wear long-sleeved clothing and long pants when outdoors at dawn and dusk which are peak mosquito biting times. Place mosquito netting over infant carriers when you are outdoors with infants. Don't feed the storm drains. Sweep up lawn clippings, leaves and tree limbs from sidewalks and driveways. Remove/empty containers that can hold water such as flowerpots, buckets, tires, toys and plastic swimming pools. Birdbaths and pet water bowls should be changed at least twice a week. Cover your boat or store in a cov-

ered place. Drain any standing water and make sure the bilge pump is working. Turn over canoes, kayaks and small boats to store upside down. Keep rain gutters clean and draining and repair any outdoor household leaks. When watering the lawn, be aware of any excess water that may accumulate. Fill in low areas around the yard. When mosquitoes are noticed in your yard, spray with an outdoor mosquito spray. Be sure to use according to directions on the label. To control mosquitoes in your house, use a "flying insect spray". Be sure to use according to directions on the label. Household pets can be exposed to West Nile Virus (WNV). Contact your veterinarian for more information.

This information was taken from Harris County Public Health & Environmental Services.

[www.hcphe.org](http://www.hcphe.org)



### bellaire beginnings>>>

There are five official Texas Historical Markers located in the City of Bellaire that depict Bellaire History as well as Texas History. Discover these markers and more Bellaire history with the Bellaire Centennial History Walk at this link [Bellaire Historical Society](#).

### police >>>

## Going Away On Vacation This Summer?

The Vacation House Watch program was developed by the Bellaire Police Department to provide peace of mind to you while you are away from home for extended periods of time.

Employees of the Bellaire Police Department will physically check your house during your absence and provide an overall increase in police presence around your home during your time away. Information provided by you makes it possible to contact you, or your designated key holder, in the event that the residence may need attention.

In order to request a Vacation House Watch, please call the Bellaire Police Department at 713-668-0487, or fill in the form at this [link](#). For additional tips on how to help prevent crimes please visit the [Crime Prevention page](#).

Upon returning from vacation (or if you return early) please notify us at 713-668-0487.

## Police Summer Community Meeting

Thursday, July 14 at 7:00 PM

Bellaire Civic Center

## "Open The Door" in the City of Bellaire

The City of Bellaire and the Texan-French Alliance for the Arts (TFAA), with the support of the Consulate of France in Houston, unveiled five artistic "Open the Door" doors in Paseo Park on Friday, June 3, 2016 at 10:00 am. In 2012, The Texan-French Alliance for the Arts partnered with 9eme Concept (an artist collective based in Paris) to create the "Open the Door" project, in which sixty doors were painted by over 100 French and Texan artists (established, emerging, students and professors) and installed in 19 locations across Houston. "Open the Door" was officially launched on November 13, 2012 under the patronage of Mr. François Delattre, Ambassador of France to the United States, Houston philanthropist Lynn Wyatt, and many City of Houston officials and partners. Earlier this spring the Bellaire City Council approved the purchase of five artistic doors on the recommendation of the Bellaire Cultural Arts Board. These works of art were recently installed in Paseo Park on Bellaire Blvd. at 2nd Street.

The Texan-French Alliance for the Arts is excited to partner with the City of Bellaire to bring the "Open the Door" spirit to the community and invites residents to join in the unveiling of this exciting project. "I'm passionate about bringing student artists and those advanced in their careers with varying artistic styles to our community," says Terry Leavitt-Chavez, chair of the Bellaire Cultural Arts Board. The artists are Romain Fro-



quet, Stephane Carricondo, Anne Maizia and Sylvie Delusseau from Paris, France and Daniel Anguilu, Karla Morales, Linh Tran Do, Michael Martin and Quentin Pace from Houston, Texas. The Texan-French Alliance for the Arts (TFAA) is a Houston-based non-profit organization devoted to bridging cultures, communities, and art both in Texas and France. Their creative programs aim to improve the quality of life in cities and local communities using art, education and community outreach, along with other disciplines, as a catalyst to create positive change. "Open the Door" is a partnership between many organizations and represents the bridge between cultures and communities through art. It invites the public to open doors to new experiences and possibilities, and to embrace the diversity of our city.

## We want to hear from you!



In August/September residents will have a chance to participate in a survey of city service delivery. Areas of

analysis will cover public safety, general government, and department specific services. Watch for your opportunity to tell us how we are doing!

## development activity >>>

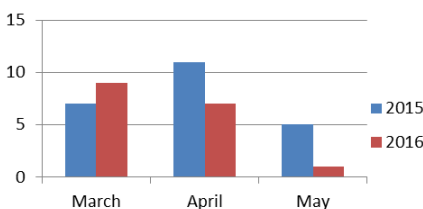
### Code Corner Stagnant Water



**Sec. 22-46** When any lots or parcels of real estate situated within the City shall have the surface thereof filled or partly filled with holes or be in such condition that the same holds or is liable to hold stagnant water therein, or if from any other cause shall be in such condition as to cause disease, or produce, harbor or spread disease germs of any nature or tend to render the surrounding atmosphere unhealthy, unwholesome or obnoxious, or shall contain unwholesome matter of any kind or description, the same is hereby declared to constitute a public nuisance.

Any such nuisance shall be removed from the property by the owner or other person in possession or control of such property.

### City of Bellaire New Home Construction



There was a 26% decrease in the number of new homes constructed during March-May of 2016 when compared to the same period for 2015.

## Election 2016

2016 is a Presidential election year and you need to be ready to cast your vote.

Use the link below to check your registration. Voter registration forms are available at City Hall and the Library or at the site below.



[Click here](#)

Last day to register to vote is October 11!



## National Night Out Kick-Off Party September 23

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live.

This year, National Night Out in Bellaire will take place on Tuesday, October 4. On September 23 the Bellaire Police Department partnering with the Bellaire Recreation Department will host a Kick-off NNO party in Bellaire Town Square complete with movie, "Star Wars: the Force Awakens". Make your plans now to join the party on September 23 and plan your own block party on October 4.

For more information on how to request an officer appearance for a block party please call 713-662-8103.



## Community Happenings....

## Little Free Library

**CITY OF BELLAIRE PRESENTS**

**4th of July**

*Parade & Festival*

MONDAY, JULY 4 9:30AM-1:00PM

BELLAIRE TOWN SQUARE & LOFTIN PARK

CELEBRATE WITH FOOD, GAMES, LIVE MUSIC, FAMILY FUN, AND MUCH MORE!

**SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS**

★ Bellaire ER ★ LandTech Inc. ★ Russell & Smith ★  
 ★ Rover Oaks ★ Village Plumbing ★  
 ★ CenterPoint Energy ★ Huntington Learning Center ★  
 ★ HDR ★ Almeda Travel ★

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL: 713-662-8280 OR VISIT [BELLAIRETx.GOV](http://BELLAIRETx.GOV)



Bellaire has our first official Little Free Library! Located in Loftin Park, it honors the 65th anniversary of the Bellaire City Library. Leave a book, Take a book and enjoy reading.

## B.L.I.F.E.



Outgoing L.I.F.E. Advisory Board Member Geri Garner

The Bellaire L.I.F.E. Program offers fun and exciting activities for participants age 50 and up. Life begins at 50! Bellaire L.I.F.E. stands for Living, Information, Fun and Enrichment.

B.L.I.F.E. is located in the Bellaire City Hall Building at 7008 S. Rice. For information on B.L.I.F.E. trips and events, please download a [Bellaire L.I.F.E. Newsletter](#).

What you can do on the City of Bellaire's [website!](#)

- Submit a service request via the [Resident Request Center](#)
- Stream City Council meetings
- Pay your utility or court bill
- Renew/search/hold a library book
- Search crime/call database
- Download permit forms
- Get fire prevention tips
- Register for recreation classes
- Sign up for City Notifications
- Download The Boulevard
- ...and much more!

## Community Meetings

Monday, July 11  
 Water & Sewer Rates  
 7:00 pm, Bellaire Civic Center

Thursday, July 14  
 Police Department Community Meeting  
 7:00 pm, Bellaire Civic Center

Monday, August 15  
 Public Hearing FY 2017 Proposed Budget  
 7:00 pm, Council Chambers

Tuesday, August 16  
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Monday, August 22  
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### New Faces!

Jennifer Bunch, Parks, Recreation & Facilities  
 Jourdan Simpson, Parks, Recreation & Facilities  
 Rex McKenzie, Development Services  
 Hector Sosa, Public Works

Want to be part of the team? The City currently has [available employment opportunities](#).

## bellaire city council >>>

### Regular Meetings

1st & 3rd Mondays of each month at 7 p.m.  
 -Located in Bellaire City Council Chambers  
 -Sign up to speak by clicking on a [meeting date](#) online or filling out a [speaker form](#).

Agendas, minutes and videos from past meetings are available [online](#).

Want to learn more about your elected City Council members? Find their contact information and statutory biographies [online](#). Watch [live sessions](#) of Council and board meetings.



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